



Board of Directors Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 28, 2021 ITEM NUMBER: 10D

SUBJECT: **Introduction of and Vote on Whether or Not to Approve Appointment of Thomas Clark to the Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation Board of Directors**

DATE: January 22, 2021

FROM: Doug La Belle, Vice Chair

PRESENTATION BY: Doug La Belle, Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION

At the Board of Directors' discretion.

BACKGROUND

In the past, the 32nd DAA has approved appointments to the Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation (HHVF) Board. While approval is not required by either the Foundation by-laws or the Memorandum of Understanding with the 32nd DAA, the Foundation has presented new appointments to the 32nd DAA Board as a matter of information.

The Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to present for the 32nd DAA Board's consideration the appointment of Thomas P. Clark, Jr. to the HHVF Board.

Thomas Clark served as a Marine Captain in Vietnam and is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is honored with a plaque at the Heroes Hall Walk of Honor. The plaque reads:

"The President of the United States presents the Distinguished Flying Cross to Captain Thomas P. Clark, Jr. for heroism and extraordinary achievement while serving with Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 232, in the Republic of Vietnam. On August 17, 1969, Captain Clark, in the lead aircraft of a flight of two F-4 Phantom aircraft, was providing close air support for the helicopter resupply of a reconnaissance patrol engaged in combat with a hostile force after two other landing attempts by transport helicopters were aborted because of an overcast ceiling of 200

feet and extremely heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire. Captain Clark's flight executed repeated bombing runs and delivered all of its ordinance upon the target with pinpoint accuracy. As a result, the transport helicopter was able to land, discharge its supplies, and depart from the area. Captain Clark's courage, superior professionalism, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger were instrumental in the accomplishment of the hazardous mission and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.